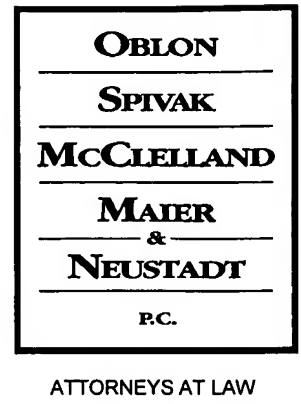




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/617,662
Applicants: Shigeki WATAMURA
Filing Date: July 14, 2003
For: DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REPAIRING
LINE DISCONNECTION THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 2871
Examiner: T. Chowdhury

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Restriction Response

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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In response to the Restriction and Election of Species requirements of November 22, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-16, with traverse, the invention noted in the request to be drawn to a display device. Applicant provisionally elects Species I indicated in the requirement to be readable on Claims 1-8 and lists Claims 1-8 as readable thereon.

Applicant traverses the outstanding Restriction and Election of Species requirements on the grounds that it has not been established that there would be an undue burden to examine each of the noted inventions and species claims together.

Under M.P.E.P. § 803, a Restriction is not proper if a search and examination can be made without a serious burden on the Examiner, and the outstanding Restriction and Election of Species requirements have not established that examining each of the currently-pending claims together would result in an undue burden.

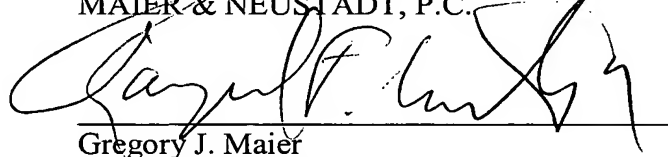
M.P.E.P. § 803 specifically states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The outstanding Restriction and Election requirements have not established that each of the claims could not be examined together without an undue burden, and, thus, all of Claims 1-20 should be examined on the merits.

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